

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claim 12, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND the claims and ADD new claims as indicated below:

1. (ORIGINAL) A contact pin mounted to a socket body into which an electrical part is accommodated and adapted to electrically connect a terminal of the electrical part to a printed circuit board, said contact pin comprising:

 a plunger electrically contacting the electrical part;

 a bottom contact portion electrically connected to the printed circuit board; and

 a spring urging the plunger and the bottom contact portion so as to separate from each other;

 wherein at least one of the plunger and the bottom contact portion is formed by press-working a plate member and one of the plunger and the bottom contact portion is provided with a connection portion to which the other one thereof is connected to be relatively movable.

2. (ORIGINAL) The contact pin according to claim 1, wherein said other one of the plunger and the bottom contact portion is a plunger having a rod-shaped portion which is formed to be relatively slidable with respect to the connection portion of the bottom contact portion.

3. (ORIGINAL) The contact pin according to claim 1, wherein said one of the plunger and the bottom contact portion is a bottom contact portion having the connection portion of a tubular structure positioned on an upper side of the plunger, and the bottom contact portion has a lower contact portion contacting the printed circuit board having a center line in alignment with a center line of the plunger.

4. (ORIGINAL) The contact pin according to claim 1, wherein said other one of the plunger and the bottom contact portion has a portion projecting through the connection portion and a coming-off prevention portion is provided for the projecting portion.

5. (ORIGINAL) The contact pin according to claim 1, wherein said one of the plunger and the bottom contact portion is the bottom contact portion provided with the connection portion and said other one of the plunger and the bottom contact portion is the plunger having a flanged portion, and said spring is disposed between the flanged portion of the plunger and the

connection portion of the bottom contact portion.

6. (ORIGINAL) The contact pin according to claim 5, wherein at least one of the flanged portion and connection portion has an inclined surface to which the spring is contacted.

7. (ORIGINAL) A socket for an electrical part having a socket body to which the contact pin according to claim 1 is arranged, wherein said socket body has an upper portion to which a top plate is disposed and a lower portion to which a bottom plate is disposed, the plunger of the contact pin has a flanged portion which is inserted through the top plate to be vertically movable and the bottom contact portion is inserted through the bottom plate.

8. (ORIGINAL) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 7, wherein said plunger has an upper coming-off prevention portion which abuts against a lower surface of the top plate and said bottom contact portion has a lower coming-off prevention portion which abuts against an upper surface of the bottom plate to thereby restrict vertical movement of the contact pin.

9. (ORIGINAL) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 7, wherein a middle plate is further arranged between the top plate and the bottom plate, and the connection portion is inserted and guided through the middle plate so as to be vertically movable.

10. (ORIGINAL) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 9, wherein said bottom contact portion is formed with a connection portion, to which an engaging piece is formed so as to limit an upward movement of the bottom contact portion in engagement with a lower surface of the middle plate.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A socket for an electrical part having a socket body to which the electrical part is accommodated and to which a contact pin is arranged to electrically connect a terminal of the electrical part to a printed circuit board, said socket body is provided with a frame-shaped base member, a contact pin assembly, including the contact pin, mounted to be detachably thereto, a plurality of plates disposed vertically with a predetermined distance and each extending horizontally, and a lock means disposed between the vertically disposed plates for securing the contact pin assembly to the base member, said lock means being operated from an upper side thereof.

wherein said lock means includes a lock member to be rotated from an upper side thereof, said lock member being provided with an engagement piece projecting substantially horizontally in one direction, and said engagement piece being engaged with an engaging portion formed to the base member when the lock member is rotated.

12. (CANCELED)

13. (ORIGINAL) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 11, wherein said contact pin assembly includes top, middle and bottom plates disposed vertically, said bottom and middle plates being arranged with a predetermined distance, said top plate being disposed to be vertically movable with respect to said middle plate and being urged upward.

14. (ORIGINAL) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 13, wherein said middle plate is positioned in the vertical direction with respect to the base member.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A socket for an electrical part having a socket body to which the electrical part is accommodated and to which a contact pin is arranged to electrically connect a terminal of the electrical part to a printed circuit board, said socket body is provided with a frame-shaped base member, and a contact pin assembly, including the contact pin, mounted to be detachably thereto, said contact pin assembly having a plurality of plates disposed vertically with a predetermined distance and each extending horizontally, the contact pin being detachably secured to the contact pin assembly by the plates without coming off of the contact pin from the contact pin assembly, said contact pin assembly being inserted, to be detachable, from an upper portion with respect to the base member.

16. (ORIGINAL) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 15, wherein said contact pin assembly is mounted to a predetermined position with respect to the printed circuit board and said base member is arranged to be horizontally adjustable in position with respect to the contact pin assembly.

17. (ORIGINAL) A socket for an electrical part for establishing an electrical connection between a terminal of the electrical part and a printed circuit board, comprising:
a socket body to which a number of contact pins are arranged;

a base member disposed to the socket body;

a contact pin assembly provided with the contact pin and secured to the base member by a lock means;

an open/close member arranged to the base member to be rotatable; and

an operation member operating the open/close member to be rotatable,

said contact pin assembly including a plurality of plates disposed vertically with a predetermined distance, and

said contact pin comprising a plunger electrically contacting the electric part, a bottom contact portion electrically connected to the printed circuit board, and a spring urging the plunger and the bottom contact portion so as to separate from each other, wherein at least one of the plunger and the bottom contact portion is formed by press-working a plate member, said bottom contact portion being provided with a connection portion to which the plunger is connected, and said plunger having a rod-shaped portion which is formed to be relatively slidable to the connection portion of the bottom contact portion.

18. (NEW) A socket for an electrical part having a socket body to which the electrical part is accommodated and to which a contact pin is arranged to electrically connect a terminal of the electrical part to a printed circuit board, said socket body is provided with a frame-shaped base member, a contact pin assembly, including the contact pin, mounted to be detachably thereto, and a lock means for securing the contact pin assembly to the base member, said lock means being operated from an upper side thereof,

wherein said contact pin assembly includes top, middle and bottom plates disposed vertically, said bottom and middle plates being arranged with a predetermined distance, said top plate being disposed to be vertically movable with respect to said middle plate and being urged upward.

19. (NEW) The socket for an electrical part according to claim 18, wherein said middle plate is positioned in the vertical direction with respect to the base member.